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word. 36. An erythrovirus diagnostic kit comprising at least one probe of sequence SEQ ID NO: 45-80, 108 or 110, and/or a pair of primers selected from the group consisting of , and/or a peptide encoded by, or capable of being expressed with the aid of a nucleic acid of Claim 1, and/or an antibody directed against such peptides.

37. The diagnostic reagent of claim 10 wherein the reagent is labeled with an appropriate marker.

**REMARKS**

The changes to the claims requested above have been made so as to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to present claim language more conventional for practice in the United States. These changes do not introduce new matter, nor do they alter the subject matter presented and examined in the corresponding International Application.

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